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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

application of: Selifonov et al.

Attorney Docket No.: MXGNP001X2/0124.510

Application No.: 09/539,486

Examiner: Zhou S.

Filed: March 30, 2000

Group: 1631

Title:

METHODS FOR MAKING CHARACTER STRINGS, POLYNUCLEOTIDES AND POLYPEPTIDES HAVING DESIRED

CHARACTERISTICS

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Alexandria (VA 22313-1450

Signed:

Leslie Russell

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims After Amendment		Highest Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity Rate Fee	Large Entity Rate Fee
Total Claims	44	MINUS	98	0	x 9 =	x 18 = 0.00
Independent Claims	2	MINUS	3	0	x 42 =	x 84 = 0.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid					\$140.00	\$280.00
				Total	\$	\$0.00

Applicant(s) hereby petition for a ____ month extension(s) of time to respond to the aforementioned Office Action.

Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 500388.

Enclosed is our Check No. ____ in the amount of \$____ to cover the RCE Fee and extension of time fees.

Please charge the required fees, or any additional fees required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. MXGNP001X2).

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPOSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the a Communication mailed February 18, 2004 (copy attached) in which the response required by 37 CFR 1.121 was deemed incomplete "because the status of multiple claims are incompletely listed." It is believe that this revised response addresses these issues. As such, it should be treated as a complete response to the outstanding office action as required by 37 CFR 1.114 and 37 CFR 1.111.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which being on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.